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AMEMBASSY HARARE  
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LONDON FOR MCKINLEY, PARIS FOR PERLOW

E.O. 12356: DECL: OADR  
TAGS: SF, XW, PREL, PGOV  
SUBJECT: SOUTH AFRICA: SOUTH AFRICA TO PROVIDE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ARCHIE M BOLSTER  
DATE/CASE ID: 06 MAY 2011 201005065

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REF: STATE 119480; PRETORIA 07006

1. CONFIDENTIAL-ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE JUNE 2 EDITIONS OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS REPORTED A JUNE 1 DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY CABINET TO PROVIDE RWANDA WITH PURELY HUMANITARIAN AID. SENDING PEACE-KEEPING TROOPS WAS NOT AN OPTION. THE NEWSPAPERS QUOTED A SPOKESMAN FOR PRESIDENT MANDELA AS SAYING THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAD RESPONDED TO URGENT APPEALS FROM THE U.N. "OUT OF DEEP CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUING CARNAGE IN RWANDA" AND WOULD CONSULT WITH U.N. OFFICIALS REGARDING THE SPECIFIC ROLE SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT PLAY IN INTERNATIONAL EFFORTS TO END THE CONFLICT. PROVIDING PERSONNEL FOR A FIELD HOSPITAL (A SUGGESTION REPORTEDLY FIRST MADE BY U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL BOUTROS-GHALI) IS APPARENTLY ONE POSSIBILITY

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UNDER DISCUSSION.

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3. PRESSED FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, DFA  
[REDACTED] TOLD US ON  
JUNE 2 HE COULD NOT "LET THE CAT OUT OF THE BAG"

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] WERE STILL DISCUSSING WITH UNHCR OFFICIALS THE PRECISE FORM OF SOUTH AFRICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE RWANDA EFFORT. [REDACTED] SAID THAT, BESIDES THE FIELD-HOSPITAL POSSIBILITY, THERE WERE SIMPLER ALTERNATIVES SUCH AS PROVISION OF BLANKETS AND STAPLE FOODS. IN HIS OPINION, THE FIELD-HOSPITAL IDEA WOULD NOT IN FACT BE VIABLE. ASSUMING THAT A FIELD HOSPITAL WOULD NECESSARILY MEAN A MILITARY FACILITY STAFFED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL, HE SAID: "IF WE ARE GOING TO SEND A FIELD HOSPITAL, WE MIGHT AS WELL SEND TROOPS." AND THAT, HE ADDED, WAS OUT OF THE QUESTION; THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENSE FORCE IS PREOCCUPIED WITH ITS OWN TRANSFORMATION AND IS NOT READY FOR HIGH-VISIBILITY MISSIONS OF THIS KIND. [REDACTED] CONCLUDED THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE IDEA OF A FULLY-STAFFED HOSPITAL WOULD ENTAIL SERIOUS LANGUAGE

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PROBLEMS: SOUTH AFRICAN MILITARY PERSONNEL ARE NOT  
LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO SPEAK EITHER FRENCH OR THE  
LOCAL RWANDAN LANGUAGE, THE TWO OFFICIAL LANGUAGES  
OF THE COUNTRY.

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4. COMMENT: THIS REPRESENTS THE ADVICE THAT SENIOR  
OFFICIALS ARE LIKELY TO RECEIVE FROM, THE DEPARTMENT  
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OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND, WE SUSPECT, THE MILITARY.  
HOWEVER, SENIOR LEADERS HAVE NOT YET MADE A FINAL  
DECISION ON SOUTH AFRICAN ASSISTANCE TO RWANDA.

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